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SUBJECT: SENATE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE QUESTIONNAIRE  
ON U.S. PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

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FOLLOWING ARE RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS 8 AND 29 INCLUDED IN  
REFTEL:

8. A. GATT USES A YEARLY BUDGET RATHER THAN THE BIENNIAL UN  
SYSTEM. IT HAS A STABLE REGULAR BUDGET OF A VERY  
RECURRENT TYPE. PROGRAMMING IS TIGHT. THE GATT DEALS  
WITH TEMPORARY PROBLEMS BY HIRING TEMPORARY STAFF;  
THUS THE PERMANENT SECRETARIAT HAS UNDERGONE LITTLE  
EXPANSION THROUGH THE YEARS.

B. IN OUR OPINION THE GATT HAS DEVELOPED A HIGHLY  
EFFICIENT PROGRAM BUDGETING SYSTEM.

29. A. THE U.S. MAKES KNOWN ITS VIEWS ON THE GATT'S PROPOSED  
BUDGET AT THE PRINCIPAL MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON  
BUDGET AND ADMINISTRATION, WHICH MEETS THE OCTOBER  
BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF THE CALENDAR YEAR FOR  
WHICH THE BUDGET IS DRAWN. BECAUSE THE UNITED  
STATES IS THE LARGEST -- BUT BY NO MEANS  
DOMINANT -- CONTRIBUTOR, THE U.S. THOROUGHLY  
PRESSES ITS VIEWS DURING THE DELIBERATIONS OF  
THIS COMMITTEE.

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B. THE U.S. REQUESTS ADDITIONAL SUPPORT INFORMA-

TION ON THE NATURE AND SIZE OF THE PROPOSED  
BUDGET WHENEVER AND WHEREVER WE FEEL IT NECES-  
SARY. FOR EXAMPLE, DURING THE 1975 EXAMINATION  
OF THE PROPOSED CALENDAR 1976 BUDGET WE SOUGHT  
AND OBTAINED A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF THE  
ADMINISTRATION AND DISBURSEMENT OF THE STAFF  
EMERGENCY WELFARE FUND.ABRAMS

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